



March 2006

WHO SAID YOU NEED SNOW TO HAVE FUN AT SNOWMOBILE FEST?

No snow in sight didn't stop 350 people from having a blast at the Rolling Dice Snowmobile Club's 29 annual Snowmobile Fest at Wil O Way Underwood on February 4. Music, Dancing, food, face painting, and movies kept the participants busy at the free event. County Executive Scott Walker and Channel 12 dropped by to meet the group. "Next year will be our 30th Fest and it will be bigger and better than ever," said Dave Huron, chairperson of the event. The Club recently purchased seven sleighs that are used when riders do not have the strength or mobility to ride on the snowmobile itself. "Let's hope global warming will take a break for next year's event", Huron further added.



Snowmobilers found other ways to have fun at the Rolling Dice's Snowmobile Fest

SPRING FLING CAMP FOR TEENS April 18 - 20

Don't have the time or money to go to the beach for Spring Break? No need - stay right here and enjoy your holiday. Sign up for three days of socializing, field trips, sports and movies. Milwaukee County and Easter Seals Kindcare is offering their first spring mini camp. The camp is open to teens 12-20 years old with a disability. Camp runs from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm and campers are responsible for their own transportation. Other activities scheduled include dancing, learning magic tricks, bowling, games and crafts. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day. The cost is \$45. For more

information call Tracey Ralenkotter at 414-482-0133 or email traceyr@eastersealskindcaresewi.com

SAIL AWAY

Getting tired of gloves and bulky coats? Picture yourself with the sun on your face and wind in your hair on beautiful Lake Michigan! The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center and Office for Persons with Disabilities is coordinating the popular Sail Away program this summer. Individuals with disabilities, their families and friends can sail in a 22 foot Ensign sailboat around the Milwaukee Harbor. The Center's Hoyer lift makes it possible for people in wheelchairs or who may have trouble transferring to board the boat. Individuals and groups are encouraged to sign up early. This year's dates are June 16, June 30, July 6, July 21, August 14 and August 16. Call Bridget at 414-278-3938 or email bbannon@milwcnty.com

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

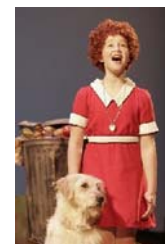
Milwaukee area agencies are offering a ton of activities designed for people with physical, sensory, and developmental disabilities. Information is updated daily. Check it out!



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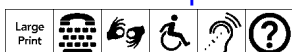
The M&I Bank Broadway in Milwaukee season continues with the 30th anniversary tour of **Annie, March 28 – April 2**. The tale of Little Orphan Annie is back, giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope. Boasting one of Broadway's most memorable scores, including "It's the Hard-Knock Life," "Easy Street," "N.Y.C." and the ever-optimistic "Tomorrow," *Annie* is a delightful theatrical experience for the entire family. Don't miss this 7all new production, featuring a brand new song "Why Should I Change a Thing?" by Martin Charnin and Charles Strouse!



Please contact the Marcus Center Box Office at (414) 273-7206 for more information on the interpreted and audio described performance on Saturday, April 1 at 2:00 pm. Patrons who are hard of hearing may call TTY (414) 273-3080.

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SPECIALIZED HELP FOR HOUSING ISSUES IS NOW AVAILABLE

Wisconsin Initiatives in Sustainable Housing, Inc. (WISH, Inc.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a sustainable stock of community-based, affordable housing for people with disabilities. WISH has been around since 2002 and currently has grants from both the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Helen Bader Foundation. These grants make it possible for WISH to assist individuals with disabilities and their families with the creation of viable long-term housing plans. In particular, WISH can assist:

- Aging parents who still provide a home to an adult child with a disability, and who would like to consider their options for ensuring their adult child can continue to live in the home after the death of the parent.
- People with disabilities who are living in a family member's home (e.g. spouse, sibling, etc.) where the person with a disability and the family member agree that they would like the person with disability to be able to stay in that home for his/her lifetime.
- People with disabilities who are homeowners, but who are concerned how they will be able to stay in their home, and manage, maintain and/or afford their home over the long-term, particularly as they grow older or as their disabilities may increase.
- Families who are interested in creating a viable plan for enabling a family member with a disability to have a home of their own, and any management or other assistance necessary to make this possible.
- Residential agencies, who are interested in finding a committed, non-profit landlord to provide small-scale, affordable, community-based housing for the individuals with disabilities that they support.
- Any person with a disability who currently has housing that works well for them, but who faces some threat to losing that housing (e.g. foreclosure, termination of lease, etc.) and who needs assistance to figure out their options for keeping that housing.

WISH provides individualized assistance people with disabilities and their families. WISH also offers educational workshops on housing-related topics, including estate planning and estate recovery as it relates to housing. In addition, WISH operates a pooled, charitable housing and supplemental needs trust for people with disabilities. Finally, WISH can also acquire, own and manage affordable, community-based housing that it rents it to people with disabilities at affordable rates. WISH currently owns and manages 9 units that provide housing to 21 individuals with disabilities and their caregivers.

If you would like to contact WISH, please call toll-free: 1-888-894-9646 or email us at wishinc@juno.com. All WISH education, planning and assistance services are currently free-of-charge for Milwaukee area residents, due to the generous funding provided by the Greater Milwaukee and the Helen Bader Foundations.

MCFI Parent/Guardian Support Group

MCFI is holding a parent/guardian support group meeting the fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Main Campus at 2020 West Wells. The group is targeted to parents/guardians with children on the County waiting list and will also serve as an information and education resource. For additional information, please call Kari Dixon at (414) 937-2031.

WIL-O-WAY SUMMER CAMP June 26- August 4 Sign Up Now! Space is Limited!

Applications are now available for this popular day camp. Campers between ages 7-59 can sign up for all six weeks or for three weeks. Camp is held at two locations, Wil-O-Way Underwood in Wauwatosa and Wil-O-Way Grant in South Milwaukee. Both camps are located in beautiful Milwaukee County Parks including walking trails, basketball courts and wading pools. Campers go on weekly field trips to area attractions. Transportation is included in the fee. For more information or to get an application please call 414-482-0133 ext 222 or [click here](#).



Handi-NEWS & NOTES



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RiCH VOCATIONAL SERVICES:

The Wisconsin Social Club

Welcome to the Wisconsin Social Club! The Wisconsin Social Club (WSC) is a club for people with disabilities, their families, and their friends. WSC provides a place for people to come together to meet new friends, eat good food, and to just have fun. Open to teens through adults, WSC provides scheduled educational and social events, trips to a variety of locations, and meetings where people with disabilities and their friends and families can come and relax.

Upcoming Events:

SNACKS AND GAMES SOCIAL

March 15, 2005 - 6:00PM - Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Join us for a night of great food, great friends, and a great fun. Come enjoy a wide variety of board and bingo games, while enjoying fresh popped popcorn, a variety of snacks and beverages, and great music. Meet new friends while having fun in a relaxed, safe atmosphere. The evening will conclude around 8:00 when the next Wisconsin Social Club event will be announced!

The event will be held in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin at the Holiday Inn Express Convention Center - Mayfair. The Holiday Inn Express is located at near the corner of North and Hwy 100 (11111 West North Avenue) and can be easily accessed via a variety of public bus routes.

All Wisconsin Social Club events are completely staffed by a large staff of professionals trained to work with people with disabilities. People with disabilities and their families and friends are welcome to attend any Wisconsin Social Club event.

Prepaid Reservations Are Required. Credit Cards, Cash, and Checks Accepted! \$11.50 per person

Please call 414-828-0291 or e-mail annahay@therichco.com to reserve your place today!

EVELYN BRANDELL WIL-O-WAY SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Our dear friend and former Commissioner Evelyn Brandell passed away in February. Evelyn Brandell was a tireless volunteer on behalf of people with disabilities. As a founding member of the Milwaukee Commission for

Persons with Disabilities and a full time volunteer she was responsible for initiating the professional sports ticket program and securing special seating for parades and festival tickets for people with disabilities. As a member of the Jewish Vocational Services Board Evelyn was instrumental in establishing Milwaukee's first group home. Evelyn's other great passion was her concern for foster children. For many years Evelyn organized the Foster Family Picnic, an annual event for hundreds of foster children and their families at the Zoo.

As a tribute to Evelyn's tireless efforts, her dedication and her many contributions to the community, the Evelyn Brandell Wil-O-Way Summer Camp Scholarship Fund has been established. The Fund will sponsor up to three foster children with disabilities to attend the Wil-O-Way Six Week Summer Camp on an annual basis. For more information call 414-278-3938.

SPRING FLING MINI-CAMP!

You don't need to go to a sunny beach to have fun during your spring break. Hang out at our new three day 2006 Spring Fling Mini Camp. You won't get a suntan but you will have a blast! To find out more please visit the Office for Persons with Disabilities website ([Click Here](#)), and click on the "Spring Fling, Mini Camp" page.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP – NEW! August 7-12

This camp is designed to be a skill building experience where campers will learn how to read a compass and a map, flag etiquette, trail skills, identify trees and wildlife, and make simple campsite food recipes. All campers will receive their own two-person nylon tent. The week will end with an overnight and an Awards Ceremony. Camp will be held at both Wil-O-Way locations. Transportation is the camper's responsibility for Outdoor Adventure Camp. For more information or to get an application please call 414-482-0133 ext 222 or [click here](#).



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer and make a difference? If so, please visit the Office for Persons with Disabilities website ([Click Here](#)), click on the "Volunteer Opportunities" page and find out more.

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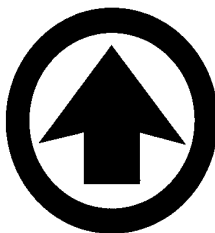


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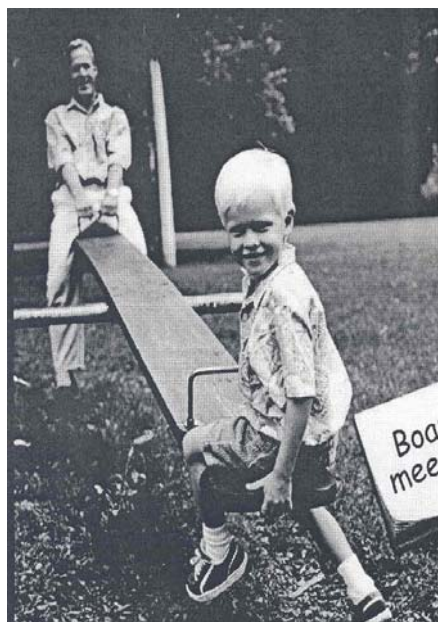


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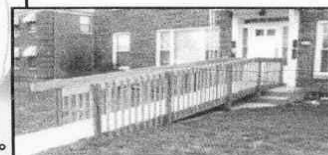
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Milwaukee County Special Needs Childcare Program

2006 Spring Class Schedule

Classes held at Marcia P. Coggs Human Service Center: 1220 W. Vliet Street, in lower level training rooms. The \$10.00 registration fee for each class is non-refundable unless class cancels. See registration form at bottom of page.

Accepted forms of payment: money order or certified bank check made out to DHHS. We do NOT accept personal or company checks. If you pay in person at Business Office, they will accept cash.

DATE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION
April 5 5:30pm-7:30pm	Understanding Autism and other Spectrum Disorders Lynn Brusnahan of UW-Milwaukee	Learn more about Autism and the various spectrum disorders. Learn best practices in caring for a child with this disorder.
April 29 9:30am-11:30am	T.I.P.S to Prevent "Flat Head" in Infants Micki Klawes of Milwaukee Center for Independence	Learn about Tummy time, Infant equipment, Positioning an infant, and the importance of Starting right away to avoid Positional Plagiocephaly or flat head for infants.
May 13 9:30am-11:30am	What is Reactive Attachment Disorder? Carolee Malen of Malen & Associates	Learn about children diagnosed with Reactive Attachment Disorder and different strategies that allow for success in caring for children with this disorder.
May 24 5:30pm-7:30pm	Understanding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Patti Cameron of Family Empowerment Network	This class provides an overview of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). Children exposed to alcohol during pregnancy can suffer multiple physical and cognitive deficits. The criteria for making a diagnosis, prevalence of the disorder in Wisconsin, the developmental implications as well as primary and secondary disabilities associated with the syndrome will be discussed.
June 7 5:30pm-7:30pm	Basic Sign Language Sarah McClendon, Teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Learn how to communicate with young children using sign language to improve your ability to meet their needs.
June 10 9:30am-11:30am	Understanding Cerebral Palsy Charlotte Price and Chad Murphy-Price of F.A.C.E.T.S.	Discover the characteristics of Cerebral Palsy and what best practices are for caring for children coping with C.P. Also learn to promote independence and inclusion in activities.
June 24 9:30am-11:30am	Music Therapy, Making Music Work for You! John Hartman of Milwaukee Center for Independence	Learn specifics on how to use music to get the responses you want and to increase communication, socialization and to engage people in movement. This engaging and interactive presentation will explore how music works to achieve these goals. The experience will include discussion about music and its powerful effect on the body and brain as well as interactive and fun music making.

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